

In Annapolis, remembering the horrors, victims of lynching

Memorial first in Md., possibly the country

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The mob pronounced Henry Davis guilty, the man the papers called the "ravisher of Mrs. Reid."

They broke into the jail a few blocks from the State House and kidnapped him, paraded him through the black community before

lynching him from a chestnut tree on Brickyard Hill and riddling his body with bullets.

Hundreds of people, black and white, came to the bluff overlooking College Creek to see the body of the last man lynched in Annapolis. A photographer took pictures of the battered corpse, which he turned into postcards that sold two for 25 cents.

Ninety-five years later, African-American leaders are asking Annapolitans to remember Davis' long forgotten, [See Memorial, 9B]